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In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were generally higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1.5 cents higher on mediums; prices in Boston were unchanged to 2 cents higher on extra large, unchanged to 6 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 1 cent higher on medium, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate to at times good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 5 cents for the larger sizes and were 3 cents higher for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good. Food service egg movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were rated as generally adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to mostly higher. Offerings were adequate to about adequate for the good demand. Breakers continue to be very willing buyers at higher trending levels as finished product sales improve. Floor stocks adequate to about adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to closely balanced.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta prices were higher on all sizes. In Florida prices were higher on medium and larger sizes and unchanged on smalls. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate, with improvement noted. Supplies ranged usually adequate to tight for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 31, 2002 was 51.81 cents, 4.50 cents more than a week earlier but was 10.80 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was moderate to occasionally good. Light type fowl were adequate to ample for light to fair demand.

<u>WESTERN</u> Prices 6-7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings light on the large sizes, adequate on medium.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm, mostly fully steady. Demand was light to good, best where sporadic features were in progress. Supplies were generally close for needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-98	89-91	67-69
New York	63-67	61-65	47-51
Philadelphia	58-65	57-63	44.5-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	50.5-57	48.5-54	35.5-40
Jackson (1)	52-54	49-51	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	59-69	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	53-57	51-55	36-40
Detroit (2)	49-54	48-53	36-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-55	50-53	34-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	52-59	51-57	36-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-75	69-70	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	86	72
(1) - Prices reported weekly(3) - Reported Invoice prices		Delivered \	Varehouse

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings light on the large sizes, mediums adequate. Small benchmark price 52. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 58.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALI	FORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA				
	RANGE		RANGE			
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289			
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249			
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	199-239			
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199			

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 07, 2002 will decrease by 18 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 31, 2002 were 305,003 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week	264,659	40,344	305,003
% change from the prior week	+24	-24	+15
Comparison figures a			
Purchases and estima	ites by 17 cooper	ators; 30 doze	n cases or

<u>CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK</u> Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to mostly higher. Offerings were adequate to about adequate for the good demand. Breakers continue to be very willing buyers at higher trending levels as finished product sales improve. Floor stocks adequate to about adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY		
NEST RUN	32-35	32-34		
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21			
CENTRAL STATES AREA:				
AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI				

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to good for the increased offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were in a full range of about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JUN-02.

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6-10.5 CENTS/LB. 8-9 8.64
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
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* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS, SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Spent hen demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with processing schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JUN-02

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5.75-11.5 CENTS/LB. 8-9 8.85 *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUN 03, 2002 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

	`		NO	S	o so	,	5-Area
	Nor	theast	CENT	CEN	T Atl	Pacific	;
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	14.8	6.8	14.6	11.5	57.1
	Change	1.3	-3.0	-6.1	1.6	-0.6	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	32.9	13.8	21.4		120.5
	Change	3.5	-6.5	-3.0	-9.9	1.9	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	37.9	80.6	58.5	79.3	105.9	
	Change	3.8	-16.0	-21.1	8.2	-2.8	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.7	32.5	18.3	23.9	28.6	117.0
	Change	0.4	-6.3	-0.3	2.9	-0.2	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	5.7	3.7	5.3	6.3	24.2
	Change	-0.3	0.7	0.7	-0.6	3.2	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	25.4	10.1	10.2	7.7	57.1
	Change	-3.8	8.4	8.0	0.5	1.7	15%
Ungraded			62.5	28.8	28.4	34.5	168.6
	Change	4.8	22.0	10.4	1.1	5.1	35%
Total	Curr Wk		_		183.1		906.7
Percent	Change		0%	-12%	2%	4%	0%
TOTAL		N	lumber	of	Percent	Nui	mber of
			Case	es	Change	Соор	erators
Shell Egg			906		0%		173
Shell Egg	Breaking	Stock	2/ 296	.2	1%		38
Total Shel	l Egg		1202	.9	1%		211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20, 2002

GRADE A XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 181.4 178.4 169.4 113.6 MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 20, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL
141 141 131 77

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2002 **CURRENT LOADS** 11.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 8.00 TOTAL LOADS 19.00 SE NE MW **LOADS** SC NW SW LOADS **CLASS** ORG DST ORG DST ORG DST **ORG** DST **ORG CLASS** ORG DST DST GNR W 1 39.00 39.00 40.50 41.50 41.25 42.75 5.00 GL W XL 48.50 55.25 2.25 GL W XL 47.00 49.00 45.50 5.00 GL W LG 2.00 2.00 GL W LG GL W MD 32.00 34.00 1.00 NRBS - 50 25.00 27.00 .75 **NRBS - 48** 32.50 34.00 1.00 NRBS - 39 3.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/25/02-05/31/02 CURRENT LOADS 77.00 FUTURE LOADS 68.75 TOTAL LOADS 145.75

	5	SE	I	NE	N	/IW			S	C	NV	V	N	١W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	39.00	39.00	37.50	39.40	38.02	38.95	35.00	GNR W XL	39.00	40.00	_	_	_	_	1.00
GNR W 3	_	_	_	_	28.00	30.00	2.00	GNR W 1	_	41.00	_	_	_	_	1.00
GNR W 4	_	_	_	_	25.50	28.50	4.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_		_	6.00
GNR BR 1	_	40.00	33.00	34.00	_	_	7.00	GL W XL	45.73	49.60	_	_	_	53.28	24.00
GL W XL	_	49.36	45.71	48.38	43.93	_	39.50	GL W LG	42.00	_	_	_		51.30	16.75
GL W LG	_	48.68	_	42.64	39.76	_	24.25	GL W MD	26.88	_	_	_		33.00	5.50
GL W MD	29.00	33.50	31.67	32.19	24.73	27.00	17.50	GL BR XL	_	_	_	_	_	46.00	.25
GL W SM	23.00	24.50	23.00	24.00	_	43.00	3.00	GL BR LG	_	_	_	_		45.00	.50
GL BR XL	_	_	34.00	_	_	_	.25	GL BR MD	_	_	_	_	_	37.00	.25
GL BR LG	_	_	33.00	_	_	_	.50	NRBS - 48	35.00	37.00	_	_		_	1.00
GL BR MD	_	_	25.00		_		.25								
NRBS - 50) —	_	25.00	27.00	_	_	.75								
NRBS - 48	3 —	_	27.50	28.50	33.00	34.67	18.50								
NRBS - 45	i —	_	23.50	24.50	_	26.00	1.25								
NRBS - 39) <u> </u>	_	19.00	20.00	18.50	20.00	6.25								
NRBS - 36	i —	_	_	_	14.50	17.00	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CAS	ES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CA	ALIFORNIA 05/19/02 - 05/25/02		
State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	600	600
Arkansas	0	0	850	850
Colorado	903	810	2,317	4,030
Illinois	0	0	830	830
Iowa	3,060	2,476	33,433	38,969
Michigan	0	0	2,573	2,573
Minnesota	0	1,620	2,265	3,885
Missouri	0	0	2,360	2,360
Ohio	0	0	1,660	1,660
Oregon	2,835	2,412	0	5,247
Pennsylvania	0	0	684	684
Texas	0	720	825	1,545
Utah	830	3,630	5,814	10,274
Washington	0	396	600	996
Wisconsin	0	0	1,718	1,718
TOTAL	7,628	12,064	56,529	76,221

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NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

 JUMBO
 EX-LARGE
 LARGE
 MEDIUM
 SMALL

 117-120
 77-80
 70-73
 48-51
 25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 5/19/02-5/25/02

30-dozen cases 6,858

Receipts from the mainland: 5/12/02-5/18/02

30-dozen cases 6,236

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
55-65	48-52	46-51	33-37	23-27

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
71.50	68.50	55.19	46.27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-35	17-21	6-9

COLD STORAGE	MOVEMENT-F	ROZEN EGGS	(In Thousands)
ON HAND	05/28/02	05/20/02	05/28/01
PACIFIC COAST	414	500	306
LOS ANGELES	390	470	248

EGG PRODUCTS (Released June 03, 2002)

Shell Eggs Broken up 9 percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 158 million dozen during April 2002, up 9 percent from April a year ago.

April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and four Saturdays in April 2001. The Easter Holiday occurred in March 2002, but occurred in April last year.

During calendar year 2002, shell eggs broken totaled 590 million dozen, up 3 percent from the 571 billion dozen broken in 2001. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2002 was 753 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2001.

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